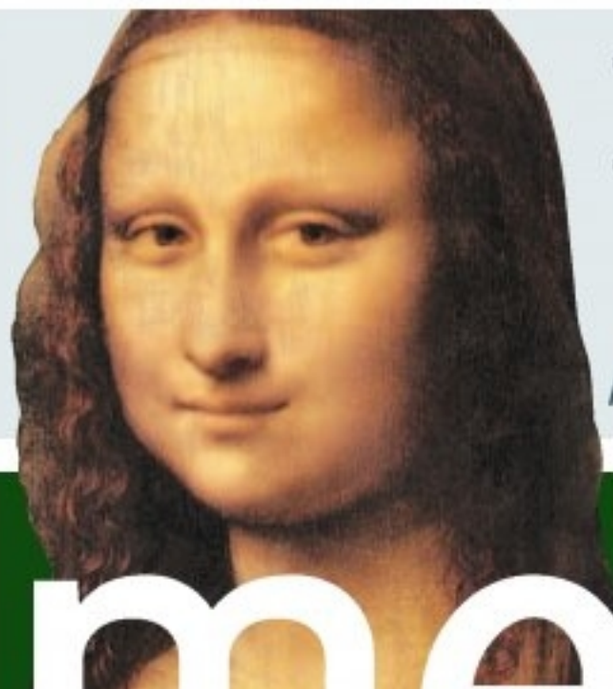

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Patient brings Ebola scare to NYC hospital

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Cops after gunman in murder of toddler

Crime. Police have a warrant out for Brandon Ruffin, 22, who they say was the gunman in the shooting where a 3-year-old was killed by a stray bullet. Officials said Douglas Woods, previously arrested, is an accomplice. PAGE 02

A DANGEROUS WAY TO COOL OFF

PAGE 02

Layyona Christian, 7, plays in an open fire hydrant in North Philadelphia, but the water and fire departments warn of its dangers. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

1 NEWS

Local tweet

"Live an hour from Philly and still haven't been to Citizens Bank Park. Love the Linc, so expectations are high. #MLB"

Stadium is great, @Chris_Hoenig, the play on the field, however, can't match the Linc.

Top 3

What's trending online at Metro.us

1 'Did Lamar Odom make Rob Kardashian fat?'

2 'VIDEO: Drunk man gets the hose'

3 'Recipe: Make Wolfgang Puck's healthy tomato strata'

Police seek second man wanted in girl's murder

South Philly. The two suspects have previously been charged with violent crimes.

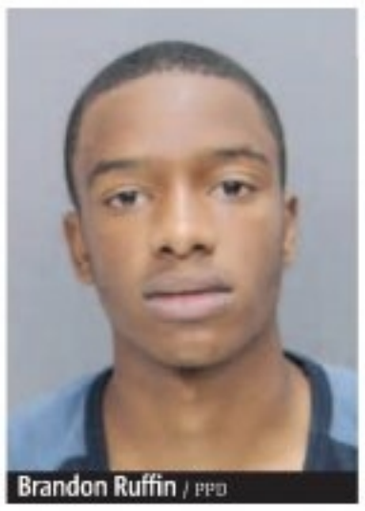
Police put a face and a name to the man suspected of shooting three people and killing a toddler Aug. 1 in South Philly.

Homicide Capt. James Clark announced Monday that police issued a warrant for the arrest of Brandon Ruffin, 22, whose last known address is on the 2300 block of Wharton Street in Point Breeze. As of press time, Ruffin was still at large.

According to police, two men on a bicycle approached a 24-year-old man on Friday at 9:40 p.m. on the 1500 block of South Etting Street.

Ruffin, who was riding on the handle bars, hopped off and had a brief conversation with the man before he pulled out a gun and fired multiple times, police said. He shot the man once, but several innocent bystanders, who were sitting on a nearby porch, were also hit.

A 3-year-old, Tynirah Borum, from the 1600 block of Christian Street, later died at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia from a gunshot wound to the chest. The girl was over her mother's friend's house



Brandon Ruffin / PPD

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"My understanding is there is a back and forth beef. What it stems from, we don't know." Clark

"having her hair done on the front step when the shots rang out," Clark said.

The 24-year-old man, who police said was Ruffin's target, was shot in the head and is in critical condition at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

A 28-year-old woman — the girl's mother — was shot in her left arm, and a 21-year-old man was shot in the right leg. Both are in stable condition at HUP.

Police arrested the driver of the bike, Douglas Woods, 22, from the 1700 block of Ellsworth Street, and charged him with murder as an accomplice.

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Visit **Metro.us** for more details about Friday's deadly shooting.

Got info?

Anyone with information is asked to:

- Contact homicide police at 215-686-3334/35.
- A $20,000 reward has been posted.

Open fire hydrants have potential dangers

From left, Samiya Bryant, 5, Talayah Williams and Layyona Christian, 7, play in an open fire hydrant in North Philadelphia. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

It's a hot summer day in the city. Children, desperate for a way to have fun and keep cool, turn their nearest fire hydrant into a sprinkler, resulting in a picture-perfect image of summer life in the city.

Opening a fire hydrant comes at a cost, however.

"When you illegally open a hydrant, it may be temporarily a relief from the summer heat, but the long-term effects can be life-altering," said John DiGiulio, spokesman for the Philadelphia Water Department.

DiGiulio is referring to the possibility that children could get knocked into the path of oncoming cars, the hampering of firefighting efforts and the flooding of homes. More than 60,000 gallons of water — the amount of water a home uses yearly — are wasted each hour a hydrant is open.

Additionally, those who illegally open a fire hydrant will be issued fines from $10 to $300 in Philadelphia. DiGiulio said when he sees open ones, he turns them off himself.

He added that there are "wonderful alternatives" to playing near a fire hydrant such as taking advantage of public pools and spray parks.

To combat the potential dangers of open hydrants, the water department operates a campaign: Hydrants are for Fires, Not for Fun. If you see an open hydrant or someone opening one, report the incident anonymously at 215-685-6300. JEREMY RODRIGUEZ

Quoted

"The loss of property will be more extensive if we have less water and less water pressure to do our job."

Executive Chief Peter Crespo of the Philadelphia Fire Department

Feltonville

Propane caused truck explosion in early July

A buildup of propane gas caused the dramatic Feltonville food truck explosion last month, the Philadelphia Fire Marshal announced Monday.

The July 1 explosion, which killed a mother and her daughter and injured 11, resulted from excess propane coming into contact with an open flame inside the The La Parrillada Chapina food truck, which was parked outside 300 W. Wyoming Ave.

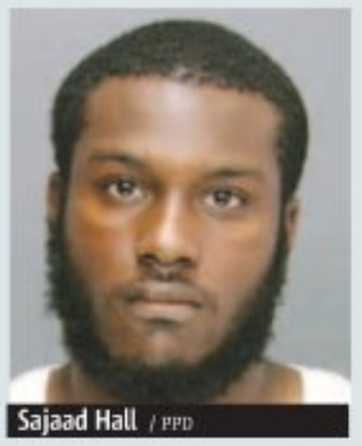
Two remain hospitalized. TOMMY ROWAN

North Philly

Police ID suspect in June murder

Police identified Sajaad Hall, 20, as a suspect in the June shooting of two men that left one dead.

On June 21, as police responded to Eighth and Berks streets to disperse a large crowd, shots were heard at Seventh and Montgomery Avenue. Police investigated and found Jameer Haynesworth, 16, lying with a gunshot wound to the head. He died of his injuries. A second male victim, aged 20, was also wounded.



Sajaad Hall / PPD

A $20,000 reward is being offered for information leading to Hall's capture. SAM NEWHOUSE

Philadelphia. Alleged corrupt cops appear for bail hearing

The former city cops alleged to have robbed and beaten drug dealers over six years were brought into federal court cuffed and in inmate jumpsuits on Monday for a crowded, hours-long bail hearing.

Two former officers were held in federal detention, three were released on bail into house arrest and one's hearing was delayed to Tuesday.

Michael Spicer, who allegedly smashed one dealer's teeth out with a sledgehammer, was held in detention despite attorney James Binns' arguments that the 19-year veteran cop was not a threat to the public.

"We vehemently protest our innocence," Binns said at the hearing. "I'm gonna walk him out as a not-guilty hero police officer because that's what he is."

Bad cops?

Six former narcotics officers were charged by federal prosecutors last week with corruption.

- Federal prosecutors say the officers stole more than $500,000 from drug dealers between 2006 and 2012, sometimes under the guise of lawful police actions.

A federal magistrate judge ruled against Spicer and ordered him held until trial in the federal detention center.

Thomas Liciardello was also held in detention. "Enforcer" Linwood Norman, Brian Reynolds and Perry Betts were released to house arrest. John Speiser's hearing was adjourned until today. **SAM NEWHOUSE**

All painted up and ready for camp

Brock Gulledge applies face paint to Kabree Harris on the first day of the Uber Street Summer Camp, a two-week free program for kids between the ages of 4 and 13 in North Philadelphia founded by Rev. Taehoo Lee. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Pennsylvania

Area colleges named top party schools

While the annual Princeton Review is cited as a resource for high school seniors who need help deciding between which universities to attend, it also gives potential scholars an idea of which schools throw the best parties.

And, for students in the Philadelphia area, you're in luck.

Three schools in our general area made the Review's top 10 party schools in the country list.

Lehigh University came in at No. 6, Penn State came in at No. 7. and Bucknell University came in at No. 9.

Syracuse University grabbed the No. 1 ranking for the first time. The University of Iowa, which topped the list last year, fell back to No. 2. **METRO**

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Advocates, parents fight for cigarette tax in state capital

Harrisburg. Members of Public Citizens for Children and Youth call the House's silence "a disgrace."

The House might not be thinking about the cancelled cigarette tax vote that could provide $45 million to the embattled Philadelphia school district, but the people of Public Citizens for Children and Youth are.

On Monday morning, two buses full of parents, students, teachers and advocates rallied at the Rotunda in Harrisburg urging lawmakers to consider the vote — and soon.

"There's no sense of urgency in Harrisburg," said Shanee Garner, education policy director for PCCY. "It's a disgrace."

The House last week canceled the vote and will instead wait until mid-September, when members reconvene. But school district superintendent William Hite has said without that money from the tax, the first day of school — slated for Sept. 8 — may be delayed.

More than 100 people rallied at the capital, Garner said, holding signs reading "Don't leave our kids hanging" and "PA legislators: Where are you?"

"Not reconvening is unacceptable," Garner said. "They need to get back to work today. Vacation is over."

Advocates urge lawmakers to hear the vote. / PROVIDED

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"We're mobilizing folks. We're making sure we get the message out that [it] is not acceptable for the state to not provide a [thorough] and efficient education."
Garner

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The return of Ebola

An American doctor stricken with the deadly Ebola virus while in Liberia and brought to the United States for treatment in a special isolation ward is improving, a top U.S. health official said. Dr. Kent Brantly was able to walk, with help, from an ambulance after he was flown on Saturday to Atlanta.

Disease

Ebola is a virus that is found naturally in certain species of bats inhabiting in wooded areas of Africa. Since their emergence in 1976 there have been 18 outbreaks in countries like the Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, Uganda and Sudan.

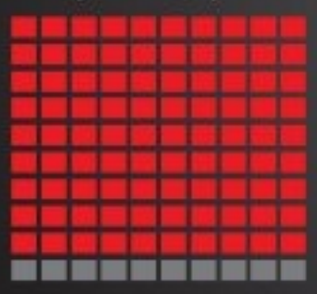
The virus.

Five species of Ebola

All of them are named after a river near the epicenter of the first outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo. By the place and year of discovery:

Sudan and Zaire	(1976)
Reston	(1989)
Ivory Coast	(1994)
Bundibugyo	(2007)

The Ebola virus can have a fatality rate of 90 percent.



How is it transmitted?

Through direct blood contact or other body fluids, or through indirect contact with an environment containing contaminated fluids. In Africa, there have been documented infection cases that are associated with the handling of infected chimpanzees, gorillas, fruit bats, monkeys and antelopes.

Symptoms

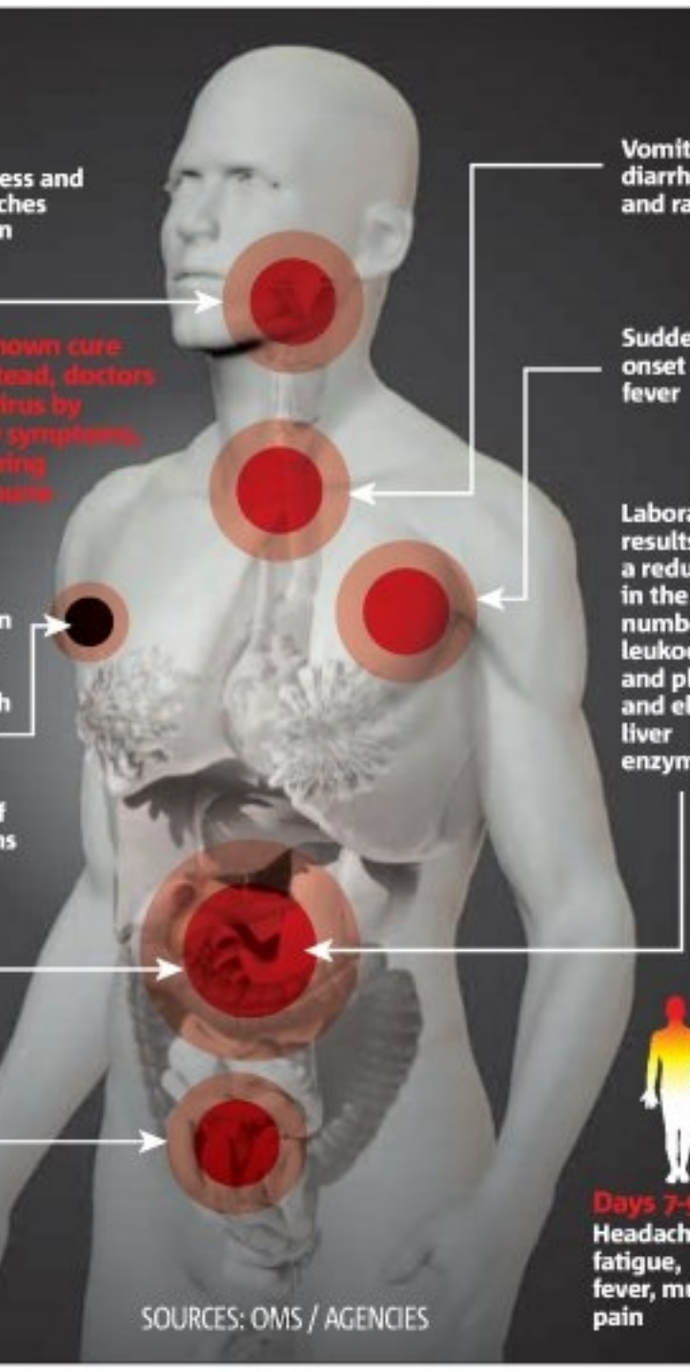
Muscle weakness and intense headaches and throat pain

There is no known cure for Ebola. Instead, doctors take on this virus by tackling early symptoms, by strengthening patients' immune system.

When an infected person dies, the virus in their body does not perish immediately. The virus can live in the bodily fluids of dead organisms for a certain period.

Internal and external bleeding

Renal and hepatic dysfunction



Vomiting, diarrhea and rashes

Sudden onset of fever

Laboratory results show a reduction in the number of leukocytes and platelets, and elevated liver enzymes.

SOURCES: OMS / AGENCIES

Can the virus spread beyond Africa?

According to experts, the risk of contagion in Europe is low. Doctors in Guinea say that most Ebola patients are confined to remote villages and are unlikely to travel overseas.

Diagnosis

First we have to rule out other conditions such as malaria, typhoid fever, shigellosis, cholera, leptospirosis, plague, rickettsial, relapsing fever, meningitis, hepatitis and other viral haemorrhagic fevers.

Infections by the Ebola virus can only be diagnosed by various laboratory tests:

- Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA)
- Antigen detection tests
- Serum neutralization test
- Virus isolation by cell culture

The patient samples represent a huge danger and must be performed under conditions of maximum biological containment.

Evolution

Days 7-9 Headache, fatigue, fever, muscle pain

Day 10 Sudden high fever, vomiting of blood

Day 11 Hematomas, brain damage, bleeding nose, eyes, mouth, anus

Day 12 Convulsions, unconsciousness, massive bleeding and death

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
PHILADELPHIA HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) is a participant in the Moving to Work Demonstration Program (MTW). PHA was initially selected to participate in the MTW Program in 2001. In October 2008, PHA entered into an Amended and Restated Moving to Work Agreement ("MTW Agreement") with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), which has subsequently been further amended.

The MTW Agreement defines the terms and conditions under which PHA is a participant in the MTW Program. The MTW Agreement requires that PHA submit an MTW Annual Plan for HUD review and approval. PHA's current MTW Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2015 was originally submitted to HUD in January 2014, and is awaiting HUD approval.

PHA is seeking public review and comments on a proposed amendment to the FY 2015 MTW Annual Plan. The proposed amendment provides additional information on PHA's use of "single fund flexibility" pursuant to the MTW Agreement. Specifically, the proposed amendment indicates PHA's intention to expend MTW funds in FY 2015 on the following additional items:

Repay before maturity, two of PHA's outstanding series of Capital Fund Program Revenue Bonds in order to reduce PHA's debt service expenses: (i) Series B with a current outstanding principal balance of $17,165,000, and (ii) Series C with a current outstanding principal balance of $7,155,000.

Refinance the two remaining series of Capital Fund Programs in order to reduce PHA's interest expenses: (i) Series A with a current outstanding principal balance of $44,150,000, and (ii) Series D, with a current outstanding principal balance of $11,000,000. The refinancing will be accomplished by repaying the bonds from the proceeds of a new bond issuance.

Acquire properties through the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for use as replacement housing in the Sharswood/Blumberg neighborhood.

Issue new Capital Fund Program Revenue Bonds in connection with the development of the Blumberg project.

Additional information regarding the proposed amendments is available from PHA. Copies are available for public review on PHA's website at www.pha.phila.gov under the "Latest News" section or may be picked up at the following locations:

Scattered Sites Management Offices:
4445 Holden Street
2500 Jackson Street
3226 McMichael Street
2411 N. 11 Street
715 Brandywine Street

Public Housing Management Offices:
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Wilson Park - 2500 Jackson Street
Raymond Rosen – 2110 N. 23rd Street
Blumberg - 2311 W. Jefferson Street

Housing Choice Voucher Program Office:
2850 Germantown Ave 1st & 2nd Floor

PHA residents, Housing Choice Voucher participants and the general public may attend and provide comments at the Public Hearing described below and/or submit written comments on these proposed actions any time during the comment period. **The Public Hearing is scheduled for August 18, 2014, from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the John F. Street Center, 1100 Poplar Street Philadelphia, PA19123, Multipurpose Room.**

Only comments pertaining to the proposed actions noted above are being solicited. The comment period begins on August 5, 2014 at noon and ends September 5, 2014 at 5 p.m. All comments must be received by the end of the comment period. Please send your written comments to:

Philadelphia Housing Authority
Office of Policy, Research and Enterprise Planning
Attention: MTW Comment
12 South 23rd St, Philadelphia, PA 19103

The Public Hearing is being held in an accessible location. If you require assistance, sign language interpreter or other accommodations, please call 215-684-4000. Please use the AT&T Relay Service for TTY.

Philadelphia Housing Authority

Deadly virus

NYC hospital tests patient for Ebola

A man was kept in isolation on Monday while doctors tested him for a possible Ebola infection.

On Monday afternoon, officials at Manhattan's Mount Sinai Hospital confirmed that an unidentified man who recently traveled to West Africa was put in quarantine for testing after he showed symptoms thought to be consistent with the Ebola virus.

"After consultation with CDC and Mount Sinai, the Health Department has concluded that the patient is unlikely to have Ebola. Specimens are being tested for common causes of illness and to definitively exclude Ebola," officials with the city agency said late Monday.

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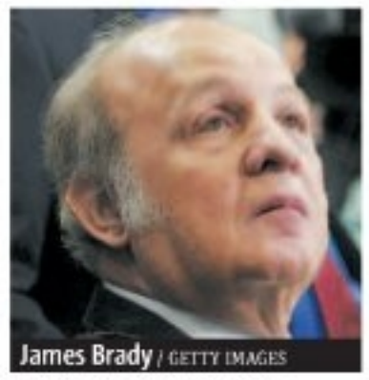
James Brady. Reagan's press secretary wounded in '81 shooting dies at 73


James Brady / GETTY IMAGES

James Brady, who became a leading proponent of gun limits after he was grievously wounded in a 1981 assassination attempt on his then-boss, President Ronald Reagan, has died. He was 73.

Brady, who used a wheelchair since the shooting, died from multiple health complications, according to Jennifer Fuson, a spokeswoman at the Washington-based Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence.

Brady became White House press secretary when Reagan took office in January 1981. Just two months later, on March 30, Reagan, Brady and two law-enforcement officers were struck by bullets fired by John Hinckley in an assassination attempt outside a Washington hotel.

Though Brady never returned to work as press secretary, the Reagan administration maintained his title for the rest of its almost eight years in office. BLOOMBERG

The Brady Bill

With his wife, Sarah, Brady helped lead the Brady Campaign, formerly known as Handgun Control Inc.

- The 1993 law requiring federal background checks of gun buyers in the U.S. was titled the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act.

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Bagged school lunches get a posh upgrade

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Mix and match

Venia Conte, based in Las Vegas, has two PlanetBox lunch kits, in case one is misplaced or gets dirty, plus a couple of LunchBots lunch kits (Lunchbots.com), which run $20 for the stainless-steel containers. She also uses stainless-steel food thermoses, which cost around $25 each, plus reusable napkins ($1.50 each) from Etsy.com and various water bottles.

"When you look at their shoes, which they grow out of in six months, $50 for a lunch box doesn't seem so bad," says Conte, who blogs about her lunches to keep herself engaged for 180 days a year (Organizedbites.com).

For kids who pack a lunch, environmentally friendly bento boxes are all the rage. / COLOURBOX

Spending. Kids' lunches have come a long way from PB&J, an apple and a cookie in a brown paper bag.

What started as simply a creative way to pack lunches has become part of a movement to reduce waste from individual packaging, save money by buying in bulk, make use of leftovers and have toxin-free food containers, and one that's shared on social media.

Parents who invest in fancy lunch gear say it's worth the upfront costs because it lasts longer than disposable items. The annual savings from reusable items amount to an average of $216 a year, according to a study by U-Konserve (Kidskonserve.com), which sells a lunch kit for $39.95.

Laptop Lunches (laptoplunches.com), one of the oldest and biggest of these companies, launched in 2002 and now sells more than 500,000 units a year, according to the company. On the smaller end of the spectrum is PlanetBox (Planetbox.com), which sells under 100,000 units a year. Launched five years ago, PlanetBox says sales are up 150 percent the last two years.

Products vary from all-in-one solutions such as PlanetBox, which has a $59.99 bento lunch kit with a bag and stainless-steel lunch tray, to multi-piece solutions such as Laptop Lunches' $32.99 kit. A simple Goodbyn tray (Goodbyn.com) with three compartments runs $8.99.

That's a lot of cash for something that is likely to end up lost within the first week of school, which is why more manufacturers are offering customization. For example, PlanetBoxes offers magnets to put on cases and Goodbyns come with stickers so that the items are easily recognizable in the lost-and-found bin. The heft of these products makes children realize they need to take care of them, too. REUTERS

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3 Ways to make millions when you're young

I became a millionaire before my 22nd birthday. Most people think it takes decades to achieve this kind of success, but they're wrong. Here are three tips to becoming a millionaire while you're still young:

Deprioritize traditional schooling

I know, I know, everyone loves the slogan "Stay in school" because school teaches you so much, and a degree leads to financial security over time in the form of steady employment. But if you want to make millions when you're young, you have to disregard such nonsense as years of student loans and then a possible middle class-paying 9-to-5 job that won't make you rich anytime soon.

I'm not saying to quit school entirely, just deprioritize it and spend more time on activities more likely to make you rich and successful at a young age.

Be passionate and practice, practice, practice

The world is a fast-changing place, but one constant remains: There's huge value in being a true expert at something. To do that, you will need to work harder than you ever thought possible to refine your skills — so you'd better enjoy your chosen profession, because it's your life.

I made $100,000-plus in my senior year of high school and then $700,000-plus during my freshman year of college by trading penny stocks, my chosen passion, and that planted the seeds for my consistent seven-figure-per-year earnings.

Know the odds and opportunity

Understand that your loved ones prioritize schooling because it's a tried-and-true method of getting a good job. But the odds of becoming rich when you're young are very small going that route. Don't overestimate security and underestimate your potential. As Eminem said, "As we move to a new world order, a normal life is boring." Even if you don't become rich when you're young, by honing your passion and becoming an expert at your chosen profession you will likely reap the rewards later.

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For exclusive commentary, visit **Metro.us/blogs.**

What Sykes likes this week

Reviews of the newest Marvel superhero movie "Guardians of the Galaxy" are incredible; I can't wait to see it!

This week, I'm taking my girlfriend to the Jay Z and Beyonce "On the Run" Tour. I'm already loving it because of the anticipation!

The stock market had its worst week in two years. GOOD! We're long overdue for some consolidation; it's healthy and much needed.

Up & down

Up: *Props to Taylor Swift for consoling one of her heartbroken fans on Instagram. It's nice to see a superstar who truly cares for her fans.*

Down: *Paul George's injury highlights the risk of sports — it takes years to achieve greatness and it can all come crashing down quickly.*

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THE WORD

Ned Ehrbar takes on the world of gossip.

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1 Is there anything left to tell, LiLo?

There may be hope for the publishing industry yet, as Lindsay Lohan "held meetings at major publishing houses in London recently" to discuss a salacious tell-all book, according to the Sun. "The stories she promised the literary agents made their jaws drop. She's prepared to put everything out there and has already proved she's not shy with the list of men she claims to have slept with," a source teases. But here's the thing: How can she be prepared to put everything out there when she's already, you know, put everything out there? Lohan is not exactly an enigma wrapped in a mystery wrapped in a Passages Malibu sweatshirt. She has lofty goals as far as ghost writers go: "It may seem unlikely, but she thinks she's in with a shot at getting ['50 Shades of Grey' author] E.L. James to work on it," the source says.

Like everybody else, Lohan is currently in Ibiza.

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2 Jay and Bey: On the Run from each other?

More rumors of marital trouble for Jay Z and Beyonce are swirling, this time with sources suggesting the couple's union might not last as long as their current concert tour. "I'm definitely not sure that they'll make it to Paris," a source tells Page Six, referring to the On the Run tour's planned finale in September. "They're not just staying in different hotel rooms, but they have booked separate hotels and they arrive separately to each show." The couple reportedly held an emergency meeting last week with concert promoter Live Nation and at least four lawyers to figure out how to keep the tour on track despite their imploding marriage.

Come September, you may never see this PDA again.

3 Now in teen breakup news

Brooklyn Beckham, the 15-year-old son of David and Victoria Beckham, has reportedly called things off with his first girlfriend in order to spend more time with 17-year-old "Carrie" star Chloe Grace Moretz. "He broke up with her just a few weeks ago, right before she was set to take him to prom," a source tells E! News. E! News, as it turns out, apparently has sources at all the best private schools. Up next, E! has an exclusive story on the totally mean thing Sydney said about you in Honors Bio. Can you believe it?

Talking point

'Big Bang' cast get big bang contracts

"The Big Bang Theory" stars Jim Parsons, Johnny Galecki and Kaley Cuoco have reached agreements in their contract renegotiations with Warner Bros. TV for the hit CBS sitcom, putting production for the show's new season back on track, according to the Hollywood Reporter. Sources say the three stars were seeking salary increases from $325,000 per episode to $1 million per episode, which would make them the highest-paid actors on television. Two of their co-stars, Simon Helberg and Kunal Nayyar, are still negotiating.

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Things you never knew about Mona Lisa

Nonfiction. A new book sheds light on the mostly unknown life of Leonardo da Vinci's muse.

She's one of the most famous — and famously mocked — women in history. The notorious painting by Leonardo da Vinci has been co-opted to show Mona Lisa doing everything from smoking a cigar or drinking a beer to taking a selfie. And even while the painting is adored by the 9 million who flock to the Louvre each year to see the work encased in bullet-proof glass, it's revered by viewers who know very little about da Vinci's muse. Dianne Hales is attempting to change all of that with her new book, "Mona Lisa: A Life Discovered." Here, the author shares some of the juiciest bits.

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She survived the odds

Lisa Gherardini del Giocondo lived in Florence during the Renaissance, at a time when one in four women died in childbirth. Through her research, Hales found that Lisa gave birth to six children, two of whom died at a young age. "She wasn't just a cipher," Hales says. "This is a woman who sat before Leonardo with many life experiences."

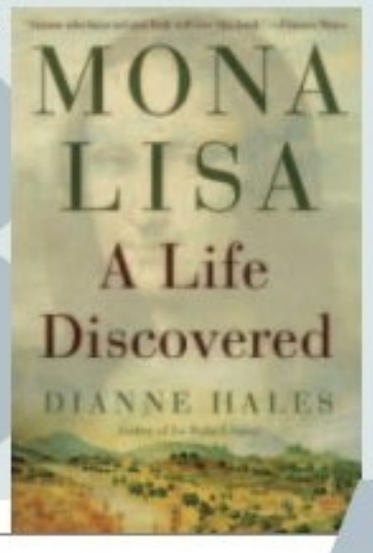
DIANNE HALES

Though married, she was drawn to convent life

When Lisa's daughters reached marital age, she placed them in a convent and after her husband died, she moved into a convent herself. "Catholicism was part of it, but within these convents, girls were educated, could sing, embroider. ... I'm not glorifying its life, but they could be accountants and have careers of sorts," says Hales.

Her family was scandalous

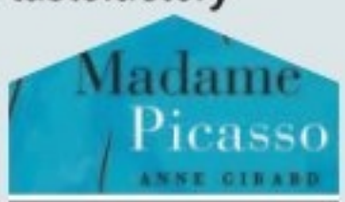
Lisa's family history is far from squeaky clean. Her father was an impoverished noble and always avoiding bill collectors. Because he couldn't afford a dowry to marry off all of his daughters, Lisa's younger sisters were placed in a convent. "One night, some young men climbed the walls, and an observer saw them and the sisters engaged in 'obscenities,'" Hales says. "The young men had to go to trial. And I bet there was hell to pay for the girls in the convent!"



Da Vinci was obsessed with his painting of her

Although the painting is worth at least $100 million today, da Vinci was never paid for it, mostly because he never seemed completely finished with it. "He kept the painting with him for the rest of his life," says Hales. "I think there was something in her face or her presence that intrigued him. ... He kept coming back to this portrait and adding things to it. ... I have a feeling that Lisa had a particular hold on his imagination."

She was the subject of the first tabloid story



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After da Vinci died, the king of France bought the painting; it later hung in King Louis XIV's bedroom and then Napoleon's. "It went through periods of obscurity, but in the 19th century, the Romantics discovered it," explains Hales. In 1911, the painting was stolen. This was at a time when the tabloids had just been invented, and the news was sensationalized and written about all over the world.

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Audrey Tautou is in the 'Mood'

Salut! The French actress you know from "Amelie" talks about what it's like to act in a crazy film from director Michel Gondry.

Audrey Tautou's latest is "Mood Indigo," in which she plays a woman with a water lily trapped in her lung. / WIREIMAGE

Audrey Tautou hasn't spoken English in two weeks. She keeps apologizing as she searches for certain words. "It's difficult for me in English when I want to say something that is beyond that of a 7-year-old child," she says. "In French, I promise I have all the correct vocabulary."

But she soldiers on, talking over a trans-Atlantic call about a film that's tough to describe. In "Mood Indigo," a primarily visual movie by Michel Gondry, Tautou is Chloe, a nice woman whose marriage to a playboy (Romain Duris) is jeopardized when she falls prey to a whimsical but deadly disease: She finds a water lily trapped in her lung.

On helping to realize a book (from 1947, by Boris Vian) she read long ago to the screen: "It felt like I was returning to my youth; it was very nostalgic. And it seemed impossible to adapt this novel. I was awful curious to see how Gondry would bring it to life."

What it's like to act on a Michel Gondry set, where the effects aren't digital: "It was like we were children. We would be traveling around in a cloud. It was all right there for us to play with."

The chaos of his sets: "It was a big mess — which he created intentionally, to get us to forget about the camera and be more natural. He doesn't ask for silence then yell 'Action!' His cameras were always on. We wouldn't know if they were on us or someone else. It made us feel very free."

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Across the sea

Coming to America?

After the success of "Amelie," Tautou didn't go Hollywood. (She did one film, "The Da Vinci Code.") She's often said that she's a French actress and would never move to Los Angeles.

Would she come here for work? "Yeah, of course. But I'm not the one who decides; they aren't waiting for me," she says, laughing. "I'm not very social; I'm not very good at self-advertising. Next time I'm promoting a movie in America, I should just recite my list of preferred directors."

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Into Toronto

The attractions of Ontario's capital city run the gamut from small must-see art galleries to breathtaking iconic landmarks.

Off the beaten path

Little Portugal

The area known as Little Portugal is home to many small art galleries. Though most have a DIY feel, the works within are often so exquisite you'll be shocked they're not behind a velvet rope with a guard asking you not to stand so close. Dundas Street West teems with so many galleries that you might feel like you need a guide to show you what's what. That's where Betty Ann Jordan of **Art InSite** comes in (www.artinsite.net). Jordan brings an insider's eye and unparalleled excitement to the proceedings. If you notice a lot of graffiti on the buildings of Toronto and want to learn more about it, there's an informative **Walking Graffiti Tour** led by the **Tour Guys** (www.tourguys.ca). No trip to the area would be complete without a visit to **The Monkey's Paw** (www.monkeyspaw.com), a bookstore specializing in obscure works that make perfect quirky gifts. The Paw also features a one-of-a-kind machine: Put a dollar into it, and get a random book, which you're encouraged to review for the store's blog.

Yes, that is graffiti of a crack pipe with Mayor Rob Ford's face on it. / PAT HEALY

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The Rex Hotel Jazz & Blues Bar on Queen Street West always attracts a crowd. / DOUG BROWN

The beaten path

Queen Street West

During the day, Queen Street West offers a shopping experience for thrift store scavengers, record store fiends and high-end fashionistas alike, but at night the area amps up. The best music clubs offer decidedly different fare from one another: **The Horseshoe Tavern**, an 87-capacity honky-tonk is a stellar rock club; **Cameron House** is good for free folkier fare and **The Rex Hotel Jazz & Blues Bar** offers exactly what its name promises. Conversely, and fortunately, **Bovine Sex Club** doesn't offer what its name promises: Instead, find harder-edged bands.

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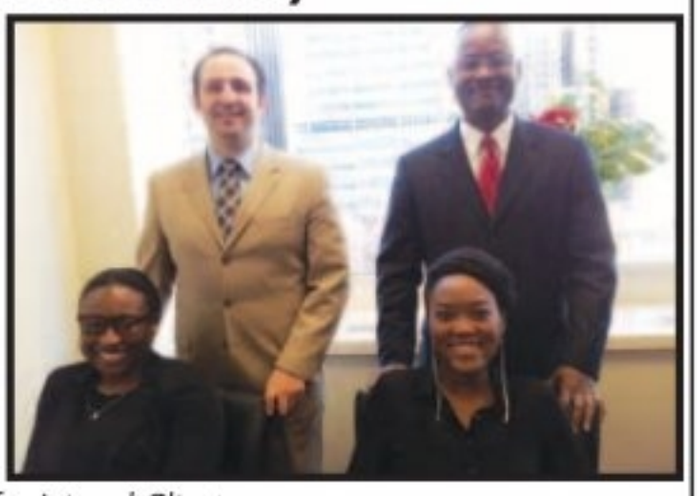

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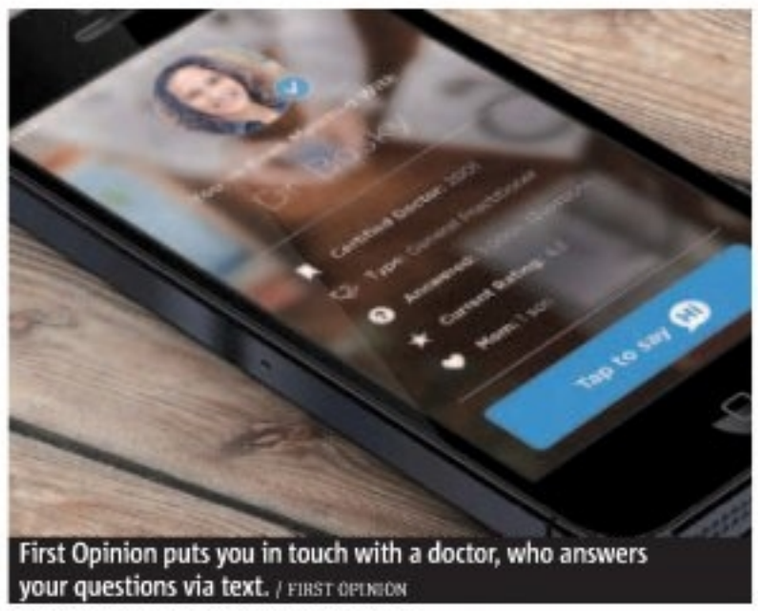

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First Opinion founder McKay Thomas came up with the idea for the app when he and his wife lived in a foreign country, hours away from her doctor. Users who download the free app can communicate with a doctor via texts; it takes an average of nine minutes for a doctor to answer their questions. This may sound like a lengthy wait if you are in a dire situation, but the reality is that most people spend an average of 20 to 70 minutes in a waiting room before a doctor is available to see them. There is also the option to pay $9 a month for a faster texting response time.

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♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Work on your to-do list and fix-it projects that are long overdue. Follow directions and don't scrimp on details. You can make your life more comfortable.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Don't try to put on a brave front. Let your family in on what has been worrying you. They will be able to help clarify a situation.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Play to win, but stick to the rules. Visit someone you haven't seen in a while. Gain a new perspective from discussions with a distant relative.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. Community activities will allow you the chance to hone your skills. You will increase the likelihood of meeting someone.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Choose your friends carefully. Someone you know quite well will purposely get you into trouble.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. A career event will enable you to make some promising connections. Things are looking up in your personal life. Make plans with a special someone.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. You have a take-charge attitude that will win you favor with friends and family. Your communication skills will help you defuse an unsettling issue.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. You will get quality results if you are a good listener. Attempting to dominate matters will alienate you.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Don't give anyone the chance to meddle in your affairs. Keep your personal life private. You will meet someone interesting.

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Letters

Palestinians not so innocent

Re: 'Stop the bombs' (Metro, Aug. 4) Letter writer Christel Jorgenson is at best uninformed. Hamas continues to act to achieve its ultimate goal in accordance with its religious tenets: destruction of the State of Israel and the death of every Jew. After the 2012 Operation Cast Lead, again provoked by the incessant unprovoked, indiscriminate shelling of Israeli civilians by Hamas and other factions in Gaza, millions of dollars for reconstruction went to Gaza. Hamas diverted all the donated money, including aid from the U.S. Hamas is not content to use the homes and hospitals of their people as missile storage and launch facilities. The people of Gaza support Hamas. It is their elected government. They have earned the same fate as the citizens of Dresden, Tokyo and Hiroshima.

DANA HUDES, VIA EMAIL

No one cares about Bieber

Re: 'What happens in Ibiza doesn't exactly stay in Ibiza' (Metro, Aug. 4) Is the public really that fascinated with Justin Bieber? If they are, then I have a million-dollar idea: Start a fan magazine.

THOMAS ROBERTSON, VIA EMAIL

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23 Jumping
25 Zest for life
26 Joule fraction
27 Iota
30 Without exception
33 Single-handed
34 Dixie fighter
36 Bowling alley
37 Fire starter
38 Diva — Ponselle
39 Chow mein additive
40 Eccentric
41 Witty remarks
42 Foot pedal
44 Moray
45 Friend, of sorts
46 Loophole finders
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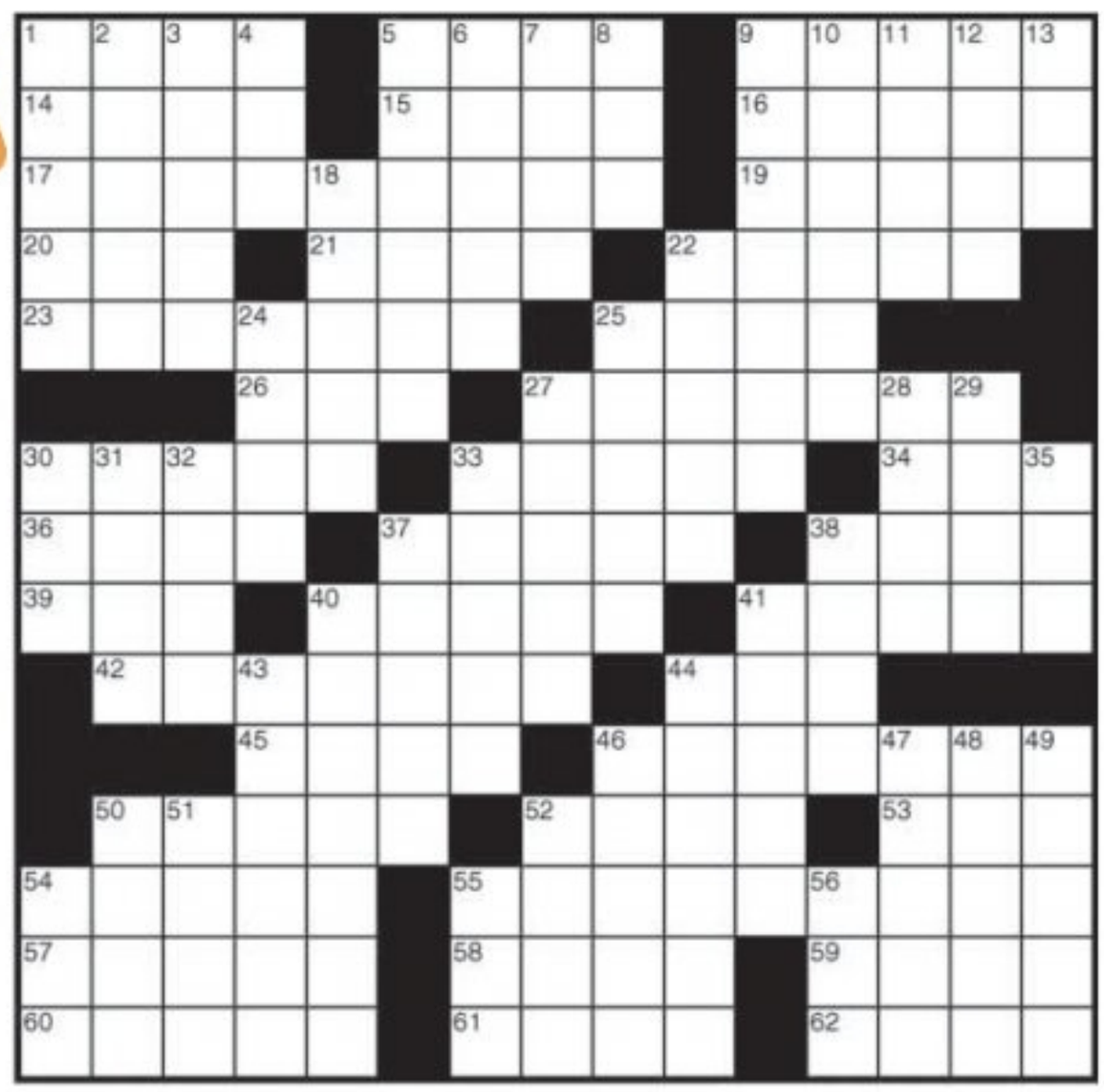

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"Phillies attendance is plummeting, the roster is a mess and now the baseball world is laughing at Ruben Amaro."

Cataldi on Amaro

AMARO COULD BE WORST GM IN SPORTS

Ruben Amaro's tenure as Phillies' GM could be coming to an end due to his inactivity. / GETTY IMAGES

Ruben Amaro Jr. is the worst general manager in baseball, if not in all of sports. He cannot evaluate talent, negotiates insane contracts and is atrocious at making trades. He has taken a championship roster and sent it free-falling into last place. Is there one good reason — just one — why he should be allowed to continue his demolition of the Phillies?

The only person who can answer that question is president Dave Montgomery, and his recent medical problems have rendered him unavailable for comment. But he will have to speak soon, and his first order of business will be to provide a logical response to the thousands of fans clamoring for the GM's head.

If there was any remaining doubt about Amaro's stunning ineptitude, it expired at 4 p.m. last Thursday, when he could complete not a single deal on the second-busiest trade-deadline day since 1986. Eighteen teams swapped 37 players, and yet Amaro whiffed.

Then he made the situation even worse. When asked to explain the lack of moves, he actually said: "I'm not disappointed, more surprised there wasn't more aggressive action from the other end."

In other words, it was the fault of the other 29 GMs. The Boston Red Sox managed to make four deals last Thursday. Why was the "other end" so much more aggressive with them? Why did more than half of the teams in baseball find trade partners, but not Amaro?

Later, Amaro admitted that he valued his players more than other teams, and there's a logical reason for that — the GM wouldn't know a good baseball player if the guy threw a 100 mph fastball right under his chin. Amaro loved Miguel Alfredo Gonzalez, but was blase about Ken Giles. Need any more proof than that?

The best hope fans have for the long-overdue firing of Amaro is the reaction throughout baseball since the deadline passed. Some of baseball's biggest voices — Buster Olney of ESPN, Kevin Millar of the MLB Network, Ken Rosenthal of Fox Sports — have lined up not merely to rip Amaro, but also to mock him.

Montgomery has always managed to seal himself off from criticism of his team, and especially of Amaro. But there is no way to do that now.

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Cataldi. Eagles players have big dreams — as well as big mouths

The Eagles have bigger dreams than ever now that Chip Kelly has taken over as coach. And one other thing has gotten bigger in the past 18 months — their mouths.

In the first few days of training camp, running back LeSean McCoy informed ex-Cowboys great Michael Irvin that "I own Dallas." Meanwhile, Cary Williams announced that there's "no question I'm in the same class as the best corners in the league."

Even before this, McCoy had gone on a tour of sports shows proclaiming himself the best running back in the NFL — yes, better than Adrian Peterson.

What all of this boasting is good for is anybody's guess. One positive theory is that McCoy and Williams will raise their games to meet their mouths, that confidence

CHIP KELLY'S SQUAD CAN TALK A GOOD GAME.

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like this breeds improvement. One negative theory is that the Eagles, after one good season, are already full of themselves.

As a long-time talk-show host who profits greatly from this kind of bluster, let me break the tie. What McCoy and Williams are doing is going to raise the stakes on an already challenging season. It's counterproductive.

Every defender will try a little harder to stop McCoy now, and especially the Cowboys. As for Williams, who had a mediocre first year with the Eagles in 2013, he can expect receivers to stretch a little farther for a pass, just to prove him wrong.

What's that? Now Williams is calling Bill Belichick a cheater? Enough, already. Even though the Eagles cornerback is right, this is the time for him and his teammates to start playing and stop talking.

Visit **Metro.us** to see what Angelo thinks of the 76ers rebuilding plan.

Idle thoughts ...

What else is eating at Angelo Cataldi this week?

- Baltimore has always been a spineless sports city, but the ovation that Ravens fans gave last week for admitted domestic abuser Ray Rice was a low point, even for those pathetic fans. What kind of message did that prolonged cheer send to the next generation of athletes? And where are the feminists? Why are they still silent on this horrific story?

RICE'S RUSHING STATS HAVE DECLINED FOR THREE YEARS.

- Buffalo radio stations have banned the music of Bon Jovi because they believe the lead singer, Jon Bon Jovi, will move the Bills to Toronto if he wins the bidding for the franchise. Yeah, that should prevent the billion-dollar deal.
- Is it OK yet to blame the Phillies medical staff for screwing up Cliff Lee? First, the training staff cleared him to pitch with a sore arm, and now he's done for the season after trying to pitch through the discomfort again last week. When GM Ruben Amaro Jr. leaves, he should take all the doctors and trainers with him.
- Ryan Howard has made a deal to sell his $2.95-million Montgomery County home. So his house was easier to unload than he was.

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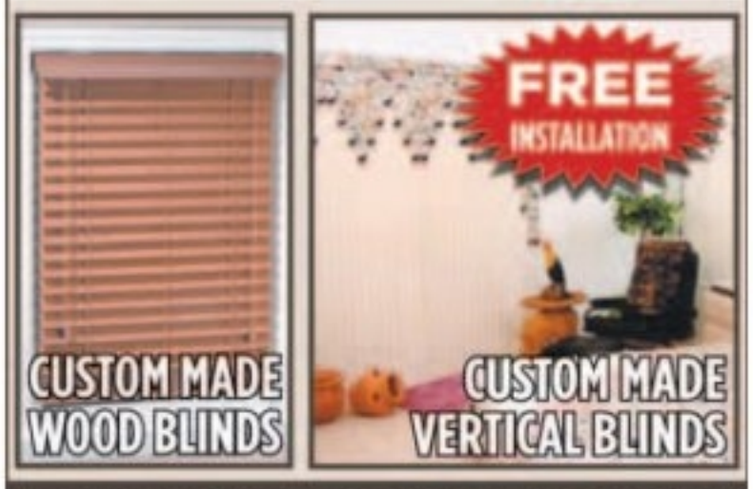

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Eagles defense aims to disrupt opposition

NFL. The Eagles' core of pass rushers could be an area of strength for the club this season.

Returning defensive veterans DeMeco Ryans, Trent Cole and Connor Barwin have high expectations. / GETTY IMAGES

The Eagles offense is going to score points.

And defensive coordinator Billy Davis thinks his defense will help keep the offense on the field.

One key way to make a big impact defensively is to get to the quarterback and post sacks, a statistical category lacking for the Eagles in recent years.

With talented linebackers and defensive ends like Trent Cole, Brandon Graham, Connor Barwin and others, Davis thinks they could collect a bevy of sacks by committee.

"I want the defensive unit to disrupt the timing and rhythm of that quarterback and hit him as often as we can," Davis said. "Who it comes from, I think we've got a lot of guys that have the skill set that they can get it done."

The Eagles were 20th in the league with just 37 sacks last season, and in seven of 16 games, the team had one sack or fewer. Philly addressed this concern with its first draft choice, taking Louisville's Marcus Smith.

Smith has been solid in camp, though he isn't expected to make an impact as a playmaker right off the bat.

Even so, Smith has some tough and knowledgeable veterans to learn from. And according to Davis, another year together has done the pass-rushing unit well.

"They all understand the defense better this year," Davis said. "I think they will play a little faster and a little more reckless in their pass rush because they understand a lot more specifically. It's comfortable to them now. I don't think a year ago early in the season it was comfortable. Now they know they know. They know what their responsibility is. So I anticipate the group as a whole will be better individually and collectively in rushing the passer.

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Valdes is back

Union add World Cup defenseman

Valdes played all 90 minutes in a Colombia win over Japan. / GETTY IMAGES

The Philadelphia Union are getting reinforcements.

A member of the Colombian World Cup squad that surprised so many, Carlos Valdes will be returning to the Union after a 19-month absence.

The defenseman spent time playing for Independiente Santa Fe in Colombia as well as San Lorenzo in Argentina, both prior to traveling to Brazil with the Colombian National Team to compete in the World Cup. Valdes was loaned to the two South American squads and is in the midst of a multiyear deal with Philly. He is expected to start in Saturday's game against Montreal.

The 29-year-old helped Colombia win Group C and advance all the way to the quarterfinals for the first time in history. The nation defeated Uruguay 2-0 in the round of 16 before falling to Brazil 2-1 in the quarterfinals. METRO

Phillies host Astros

Phils to reach milestone vs. Houston

It depends on Ryne Sandberg's lineup card Tuesday, but if Ryan Howard, Chase Utley and Jimmy Rollins are all in the lineup to start the Phillies' three-game set against the Astros (or in a subsequent game Wednesday or Thursday), the trio will play in their 887th game together as starters.

This mark would surpass the one set by the '70s Dodgers trio of Steve Garvey, Davey Lopes and Bill Russell as the most games ever started by the same first baseman, second baseman and shortstop in MLB history.

Kyle Kendrick is slated to take the hill in the series opener against Houston's Dallas Keuchel. METRO

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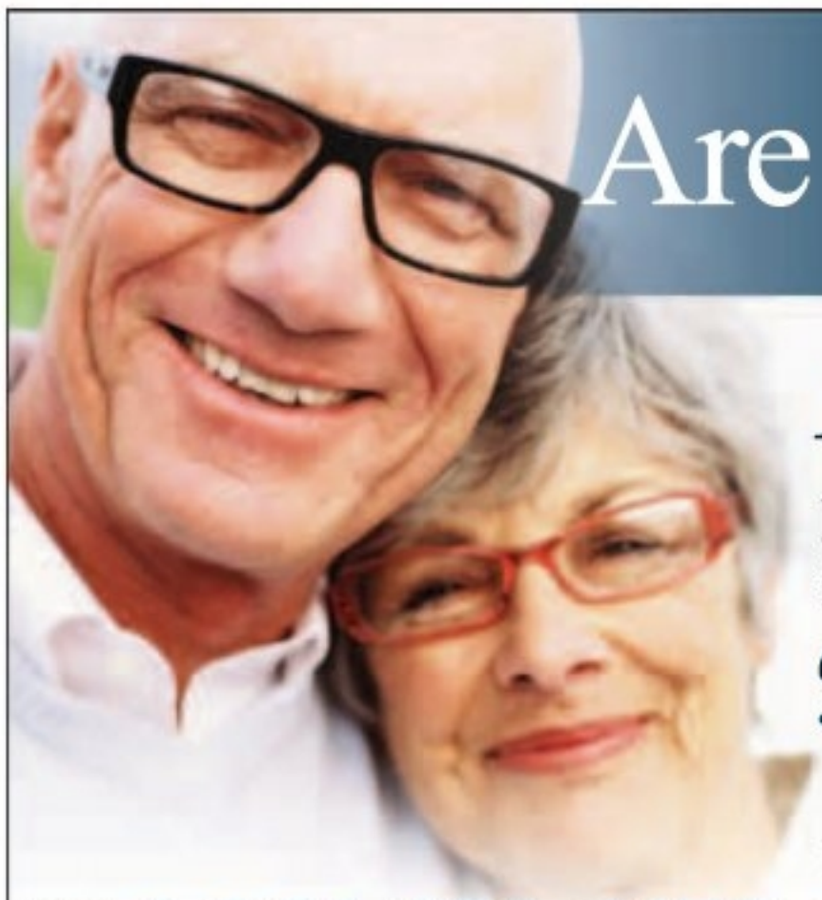

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